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Oliver

Third time a charm?

SGA 're-schedules' Oliver for Feb. 22

What? Bill Oliver appearing at JSU? Yeah, I've heard that before! But it's true—at least that's what the SGA assures us. And who knows? They're probably right. Haven't you heard the old saying, "The third time is the charmer."

Twice scheduled to appear before without doing so, Bill Oliver, famous for the recordings "Jean" and "Good Morning Starshine," has once again been scheduled to appear—this time for Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. Admission is \$1 students, \$2 general admission.

Why should his appearance be expected this time? Well, the SGA has a little more money than it did last fall, and the entertainment committee backed by a very determined SGA Veep, Kerry Sumner, refuses to let its plans be thwarted once again.

Oliver is still 29 and a singer-composer-guitarist. His native soil is still North Carolina, and his music is still marked by influences of folk, rock and jazz. His appearances are still accompanied by demonstrations of his own brand of wry humor.

And Oliver is probably still worth seeing. So, why not take a chance? Remember the third time is the charmer.

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Apply now

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Candidates for editor of The Chanticleer and The Mimosa for the 1977-78 academic year need to file applications with Mr. Jack Hopper, chairman of the communications board, by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28. Applications may be filed in the public relations office on the second floor of Bibb Graves Hall.

Students applying for the editorial positions are required to maintain a 1.0 GPA.

Applicants for editor of The Mimosa must have taken journalism 304 and worked on the yearbook staff for one year. Those applying for editor of The Chanticleer must have taken journalism 303 and worked on the newspaper staff one year. Applications for WLJS station manager are also due.

The communications board composed of both faculty members and students will meet early in March to conduct interviews and make the appointments.

Senate expells eight senators

Eight senators were expelled from the SGA Senate Monday night after failing to respond to a summons to appear before that body to explain their two or more absences from the Senate meetings. Removed from the Senate were John Robinson, Lee Heness, Janice Potts, Kathy Glass, Alan Goodwin, Tim Conrad, Ann Boatwright and Faye Scott.

The loss of these senators increases to 12 the number of

Senate seats and vacancies that must be filled by election of new senators. The other four senators either resigned or were no longer in school. The Senate approved a motion by Pat Long to put off the election to fill these vacancies until the general SGA elections March 29 for officers and April 5 for senators owing to the shortness of time.

In other business, the Senate approved a motion by

Jimmy Collins to look into the delay form residents have experienced receiving their mail. According to Dorm Committee Co-chairperson, Glenda Brackett, the post office stopped delivering mail to the dorms because money and packages sent through the mail had been stolen. She said that the mail is now delivered only at 3 p.m. because that is when the monitors go on duty.

Ms. Brackett concurred with Ron Bearden that the reason for mail thefts and consequently the discontinuance of mail being delivered to the dorms was because "dorm directors aren't doing their job."

The Senate also passed a motion by SGA president Mike Humphries to allow Fidelity Life Insurance Co. the right to solicit for its product on campus. In

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Shelton

Pushing liquor law charge despite opposition

By KEM McNABB

Rep. Tom Shelton still wants to pass his proposed change in the liquor law despite opposition from Rep. Marilyn Quarles of Springville and Sen. Teague of Childersburg.

"I don't know her grounds for opposing either of these bills . . . I have every intention of forcing the bill through over Mrs. Quarles' opposition as a contested local bill, if necessary. This is a very difficult maneuver," says Shelton, "and it has been done only a very few times since I have been in the legislature."

The other bill, also opposed, concerns Shelton's proposal that would allow the county road commission

employees to do work on private property (with pay).

Sen. Teague feels that the bill requiring food to be sold with beer is "too restrictive"; neither does he agree with the road bill. These bills cannot pass the Senate without Teague's approval.

Teague also said that Shelton "made it legal to sell alcoholic beverages, and if people who are in business can comply with city and county and state laws pertaining to sale of alcoholic beverages, they should be allowed to operate their business."

"There is only one open bar in Jacksonville, and I don't know how they have been able to influence Teague and Mrs. Quarles,"

said Shelton. "Neither of them (Teague or Quarles) lives anywhere near Jacksonville."

According to Mrs. Quarles, she has, in fact, not been influenced in any way concerning the "open bar," because she knows nothing of the bars or their owners. She merely stated, "I owe it to the mayor . . . it's his responsibility . . . I just wanted to be fair." She said she signed the first bill because she thought that the people wanted it that way, and then Shelton changed the bill, she wasn't sure what the people wanted.

Rep. Don Holmes, who lives in Eastaboga said, "I

think it's fair enough . . . it's his district." (Referring to Shelton's change).

Nevertheless, Sen. Teague doesn't see any need for a change; "Rep. Shelton saw the need to remove the limits" and it was his decision. "It's my opinion," says Teague, "that evidently, someone in the restaurant business is losing customers."

If Shelton decides to take a referendum before the people, it's possible that it will have to be passed by the House and Senate. If this is the case, Teague will still contest in the Senate. He called Shelton's bill "sloppy legislation."



Tom Shelton

JSU solid as a rock \$\$\$\$-wise under Dr. Stone

By STEVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Don't worry about Jacksonville State University. It's probably just as solid as the last name of its chief executive—
Dr. Ernest Stone.

DR. DAVID MATTHEWS, president of the University of Alabama, was recently worrying (in newsprint) about some upper-lip-stiffening financial difficulties his school expects to face in the not too distant future (fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, to be exact).

But Stone fails to see any real \$\$\$ problems for JSU.

"No, I don't know why he (Matthews) made that statement," the good doctor tersely remarked. "I guess he knows his own business."

"We (JSU) are not expecting a surplus, ourselves, any time soon," Stone continued. "But we do anticipate that with good conservative administration and a tight belt, which has been our policy in the past, that we will make it all right."

THE BIGGEST PROGRAMS underway at JSU at the

moment, according to Stone, include the completion of the Performing Arts—Classroom Complex (\$3 million), the new field house combined with the renovation of Paul Snow Memorial (\$1.5 million), and the construction of a Military Science building.

Revenue to cover the above programs, and others like them, rolls into JSU from four majors sources: (1) state legislature bond issues, (2) federal funding, including Appalachian funds, (3) gifts, and campus auxiliary income.

But it's the state that forks over an estimated 75 per cent of JSU's operational needs on an annual basis, according to Stone.

"In preparing our budget for the coming year, we asked them (state—legislature currently in session, appropriations pending) for what we have earned," said Stone, referring to the widely-accepted weighted-credit-hour-production-formula.

"BUT WE ARE NOT going to get it. We expect to be approximately \$2 million short from what we truly earned by the formula.

"No, this is not a case of unfair treatment on the legislature's part; nor is it something new. We were

prepared for it—percentagewise, the effect will be about the same for almost everybody (other institutions)."

The weighted-credit-hour-production formula is a system employed by the Commission on Higher Education for determining the distribution of its appropriations. There is a notable difference in the cost per hour produced when comparing an advanced graduate-level course to freshmen English, for example. And by plugging data into the formula, a valid estimate of an institution's weighted-credit-hour-production earnings may be obtained.

"Overall, everybody will receive more revenue than last year, however, if the legislature approves what we have proposed," said Stone, speaking as a member of the 10-member Governor's Select Committee.

THAT INCLUDES both the AEA (Alabama Educational Association) champion of the prep schools along with the halls of higher learning.

"But we will just have to wait and see what they (the legislature) do," concluded Stone.

"No, we won't be happy if they approve it (step-up in state funding). But we will be HAPPIER."

VD 'only a disease' when treated properly

By MARK CARDWELL
Staff Writer

Venereal disease (VD) is a problem that no one cares to think about, generally. Unfortunately, the diseases, syphilis and gonorrhea, are not so selective in their attentions.

Solid testimony to this is the fact that in 1976 (the latest figures available) there were 1,020,950 cases reported in the US. Of this number 24,482 were cases of syphilis, the rest were gonorrhea. In 1975, the figures were 992,483 and 23,250 for gonorrhea and syphilis respectively.

These are diseases that respect no socio-economic nor age barriers. They have and still do permeate every level of society. They are most prevalent in 15 to 25-year-olds, but cases are reported in babies and in 75-year-olds.

CONTRARY TO POPULAR belief, VD is not restricted to the "lower-class" whatever that may be. It has no relation to personal hygiene and therefore, does not brand its victim "dirty."

As its name states, it is a disease. It is like any other in that the only thing wrong in having it is ignoring it and not getting prompt and proper treatment. The main reasons VD has come to have such a reputation is probably that it is transmitted sexually.

The unfortunate thing about VD is that it affects not just the carrier, but anyone he or she may come into sexual contact

with. This complicates greatly its reporting and treatment.

It would be hard to say which is more serious, syphilis, or gonorrhea. Obviously both are serious, but gonorrhea, because of its prevalence, presents the greatest problem to society in general.

GNORRHEA IS characterized by a very short incubation period. That is, the time between contacting the germ and the appearance of symptoms is generally less than seven days. The disease attacks the mucous membrane of the genitourinary tract, causing discharge, eventually accompanied by pain.

Syphilis, on the other hand, has an incubation period of ten to ninety days. It destroys mucous membrane, but can also destroy bones, muscles and nerve tissues as well.

The longer incubation period makes syphilis easier to destroy before it begins destroying its host. Gonorrhea, however, will show up very rapidly, making it necessary to kill it after it has become active.

Both diseases can be treated and destroyed by various medications, oral or injected. They include penicillin, ampicillin, tetracycline and probenecid.

ACCORDING TO Mary Johnson, licensed practical nurse at the JSU infirmary, ampicillin taken orally, is used here at JSU to treat VD. It is a 7 to 10 day

process to cure for \$6.50 to \$7.50.

The incidence of VD at JSU has declined since fall semester. Nurse Johnson stated that the infirmary was seeing from 3 to 12 cases per week in the fall, but has only seen one case this far into the Spring semester. "Absolutely," Mrs. Johnson said of the confidentiality of the cases, "All cases are treated in the strictest confidence."

Clara Sims, public health representative at the Calhoun County Health Center, says that venereal disease is particularly dangerous to women. Federal government statistics show, in fact, that 90 per cent of all women who have VD are asymptomatic. That is, they show no symptoms at all.

Generally, the disease becomes so painful in a man that he must see a doctor. A woman, though, having no symptoms, may let the gonorrhea progress to a very dangerous stage. If left untreated by the woman for two to four weeks, VD can require a total hysterectomy, removal of the uterus,

fallopian tubes and ovaries. This is not always the case, but it is a definite possibility. In 1976, there were 9,900 surgical sterilizations of women, made necessary by gonorrhea.

BECAUSE THE FEMALE partner may not suspect that she has VD, it is crucial that the male refer her to medical authorities.

The Health Center's treatment is a one-time affair, consisting of four injections of penicillin, accompanied by probenecid. This treatment has no charge whatsoever.

There is now research being done on VD, but progress is slow. Researchers have found it very difficult to isolate and study the germ because it does not easily live outside the human body.

Unless some type of immunization is discovered, the only way to eradicate the problem will be to have a public well-informed on cause and effect of this dangerous disease, and to take positive steps in identifying and treating it.

Bloodmobile rolling its way to J'ville State

Wednesday, March 9, the bloodmobile will be rolling up to the Student Commons Auditorium here on campus for the spring blood drive.

A plaque will be awarded to each dormitory, sorority, and fraternity which shows the most interest and has the largest number of donors

and attempted donations.

Donors will be received from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Students may sign up for both their dormitory and Greek organization, if they belong to one. KA, which has charge of the drive is hoping for a big turn out.

"Let's show that we are

the friendliest campus in the South and that we do care about other people and fine organizations like the Red Cross," said a KA spokesman. He added, "Good luck and may the best dormitory, sorority, and fraternity win."

From WLJS news

WLJS news has begun a program where we choose Student and Teacher of the week. This program is a serial type and occurs weekly. The idea came from PJ Moss and Clark Miller, who co-ordinate the program. The program is designed to promote interest among faculty and students and to also assure JSU that

we at LJS are working for their best interest.

Our first teacher of the week was Myrtice Fields, of the music dept. Ms. Fields has a very interesting background. She has made recordings with Bobby Goldsboro and has sung backup for Dr. Hook, Marvin JSU music dept.

The first student of the

week was Tony Thrower. Tony is from Oxford and is a freshman here at JSU. Tony is concentrating on Banking and Finance and hopes to become a banker and someday a real estate agent.

WLJS presented the second Teacher of the Week title to Marvin Shaw of the art dept. Mr. Shaw is one of (See NEWS, Page 7)

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What can I do?

Sit in your room and be apathetic

... or go out and 'do your own thing'

By GILBERT SANDERS
And SUSAN ISBELL
Staff Writers

"How can you blame the student body for being apathetic when there are no activities in this institution that would promote student interest?" This was a student expressing his view on a long discussed issue on campus; the issue of student apathy. It sounds intelligent. But is it true?

Some students interviewed actually seemed to find something "to get into" rather than sit in the room complaining, "There's nothing to do." It seems to be an unwritten law on this campus that Mondays and Tuesdays are mostly spent studying but as soon as Wednesday rolls around one gets a whiff of weekend air and hustles on down to the nearest disco, the disco in this case being "My Brothers Bar" where the D. J. can be heard saying things like "All Miller beer free." And after the clientele has drunk a keg of free beer, it moves up to the comfortable price of 25 cents a mug. After you've drunk a dollar's worth of free beer and another dollar's worth of 25 cent beer, you're not too much interested when the D. J. says "One more keg of 25 cents beer going fast."

BUT SUPPOSE YOU'RE one of the non-drinking students and beer doesn't appeal to you in the least. Why don't you get in touch with the student who says she

studies on week nights and also attends Bible study; you might find it good for the psyche, as well as the soul.

If you renege on this idea and still can't find anything to do, why not get away for the T. V. and enroll in one of the Intramural sports program one student said she participated in.

You say you're not very athletically inclined because of your weight problem, but you can sing. Well you can kill three birds with one stone by joining the student who goes to choir practice, studies, and spends time at the coliseum. He jogs and just loves the sauna. (You two might be made for each other.)

YOU MIGHT BE one of those students who loves to eat but hates to gain weight. Well, if you joined one student interviewed, you can "eat your cake and have it too." This student said she "goes out for snacks and occasionally studies," and after she's gained weight doing this, she goes to parties and dances it off.

Still looking for something quieter and more peaceful than carousing all weekend? Well, why don't you try to find the student whose idea of a perfect day is "playing tennis, entertaining company, and watching Carol Burnett."

It's Friday, and you still haven't found what you're going to do? Well, how would you like to be "a rhinestone cowboy riding off on a horse in a star-spangled rodeo"? If you're interested in this see Pat Branch.

IF YOU STILL haven't found exactly what you want to do and it's Saturday night, slip on your red dress and dancing shoes (If you're a male leave your red dress at home) and walk down Pelham Road and check out the Greeks. Don't be surprised if you see a purple and gold house rocking off its foundation with music and hear people inside talking about not raising the foundations but "tearing the roof off."

If this is too heavy for you, walk on down to the Delta Chi Frat house. The reason we recommend these is because last weekend music and people's laughter could be heard coming from the frat houses and as they say, "where there's smoke there's fire." If these frats don't please you, you've got the choice of any other frat, they all party.

But if Greeks in general don't do it for you, and you still can't find anything to do and if you're a male, you might find the girl in Daugette who, when asked what she did on the weekends, replied, "I do everything I can, and everything I can't do I don't."

AND BY THE WAY, the student who said this institution offered no extracurricular activities failed to make any of the weekend parties. Why? Because no one told him about them.

Pickett, Hatcher loans to be discussed Friday

Students receiving Pickett and Hatcher Educational Loans are requested to meet with a representative of the company on Friday, Feb. 25, between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the Financial Aid Office, located on the fourth floor of the Student Commons Building.

Anyone interested in

securing a loan from this company should also attend.

These loans range up to \$750 per semester and are not restricted to income levels of the applicant or his family. While the borrower is enrolled he pays two per cent interest semi-annually.

After the borrower leaves college he begins to repay the principal and the interest increases to 6 per cent.

"This is the best non-federal loan we know of," said Larry Smith, Financial Aid Director. "We strongly recommend that students who have been turned down for federal loans look into this as a source of funds to continue their education."

The Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund is a nonprofit, noncommercial educational trust fund based in Columbus, Ga.

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Aleize Dial, a student at Anniston High School and sister of former JSU student, Andrea Dial, won the hearts of judges at the first annual Miss Calhoun County Sweetheart Pageant. The pageant, sponsored by Circle K, was held in SCB auditorium Valentine evening. Runners-up were Briget Burgess, first; Beverly Kaye Gillian, second; Ginger Howard, third; and Gayle Mitchell, fourth.

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Dr. Cox responds to caller's 'hang-ups'

Note to an anonymous caller: On February 11, you called again to complain about the articles in—and writers for—The Chanticleer. Your objections before were that football is sinful and that the Ballerina performances are indecent. This time you spoke generally of "nastiness and radicalism," specifically of articles concerning homosexuality and birth control. You also questioned the intentions and ability of the student reporters and faculty advisors.

As an advisor to The Chanticleer, I would like to respond now, since you chose to hang up before I had an opportunity to express myself.

1. To the matter of sinfulness and indecency: Both terms become fairly difficult to define if one extends coverage to football games and Ballerina dancing. Most of us find such performances

entertaining displays of discipline requiring teamwork and considerable dedication.

2. To the matter of radicalism and the student writers' intentions and ability: Ms. Skipper and Mr. Ford have consistently encouraged students of widely divergent political persuasions to join the staff. That few conservative students have come forward is genuinely regrettable. Ms. Skipper will graduate from this university in the spring with honors in English and Political Science and is one of the best students I have ever seen. Mr. Ford, besides being a fine student, is a veteran.

3. To the matter of what you called "nastiness": The advisors for this publication believe fervently in the First Amendment. We believe that it is an important document not because it allows for praise of incumbents, the

adulation of the status quo, or agreement with our prejudices and opinions. We don't need it, as someone has pointed out, to talk about flora and fauna. It is a precious document because it guarantees others the right

to say things that may baffle us, irritate us, anger us or even outrage us. That was the right denied to Germans under Hitler, Italians under Mussolini, and Russians under virtually everyone. It is the first right denied men

when democratic government fails.

I ask you to consider this response. Further, I would encourage you to make reference to the first issue of The Chanticleer last fall for

a clear statement of the advisor's roll, limitations, etc. The editors and staff of The Chanticleer welcome your opinions and will publish them, provided they are in writing and signed.
—Clyde Cox

Criticism of comments of 'Roots'

To whomever it concerns:

Your statement, "This movie was definitely slanted to reveal the worst possible treatment of black slaves by their masters," explicitly denotes that you were being ironic. Also, that you are a bias white traditionalist. The movie "Roots" is repulsive in its presentation of punishment administered to black slaves. The movie did not disclose the "worst possible treatment." The movie "Roots" was a concatenation of sporadic instances of mild punishment disclosed to the public. And your preposterous statement, "I realized the shame blacks have gone through and hopefully the movie made others aware of the problem," demonstrates your lack of perception of the history of black people during the more apparent days of servitude. Blacks during the period of bondage were victims of circumstance.

Bondage from the very inception was as new to the Blacks as was it to the rest of the people who did not theorize the concept of Slavery. So, how can there be "shame"? or what "shame"? The unscrupulous Blacks that commented on "Roots" should be ashamed and any others who would respond in such an unprofound manner. They disclosed a lack of perception about the history of

Blacks during the more apparent days of servitude.

The unscrupulous person who made the statement that, "slaves were regarded as property. Owners used black women for their own ends, but often these women did not object too strenuously because it put them in a favorable position," deserves no better than the name given. It is explicitly apparent that Blacks were looked upon as chattels. The most significant fact of the "Triangular Trade" was the exploitation of Blacks as Chattels for the trading of molasses in the West Indies. During the more apparent days of servitude life for Blacks meant making numerous sacrifices, which whites did not have to make. Black women submitting to the white men for sexual purposes was one of these sacrifices that HAD to be made. There was no such thing as rape of a black woman. It is implicit in your absurd remark that Black women are promiscuous. You should have been a Black woman during those days of more apparent servitude.

In the future if comments are going to be made about similar movies or pictures the exercise of common sense at least would be more respected. The list of ignoramuses is long enough.

By Charles D. Wright

Chanticleer staff

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Energy crisis

Pretty good joke but nobody's laughing

By HERB CASH
Staff Writer

The energy crisis is just a joke.

When students at Jax State were asked how they reacted to the current energy shortage, they replied in unconcerned tones with answers that at best were shallow.

One young man said, "There is no energy shortage; the oil companies just want to raise their profits."

ANOTHER STUDENT replied that she was concerned about the energy crisis but guessed she would just pay the higher prices and not worry. A few students mumbled something about conservation, but, when asked what they did to conserve energy, none of them had a definite answer.

The current warm weather trend has dissolved the memories of cold classrooms and icy showers. No one

seems to be taking seriously the shortage of energy—a problem that will reshape American life styles.

Blizzards and freezing weather have turned everyday life into a struggle of endurance and survival all over the nation. Industries have been closed, leaving many jobless. In parts of the country, 200 or more inches of snow have already fallen. In Preston County, W. Va., the people are freezing, the temperature in their homes staying in the 20s because there is no heat. Here in Jacksonville it has been too cold in the library to study. The teachers offices in Pannell Hall were said to be even colder.

The nation is in the grips of an energy crisis, a chronic shortage of natural gas. The U. S. has struggled through two world wars, the great depression and Watergate. Can it withstand the energy crisis?

WHAT IS TAKING place in America today is not the energy crisis but another warning of the energy crash to come. The time is coming when fuel will not be in short supply: it just won't be.

The present shortage of natural gas is severely crippling the U. S. The government and big business may be to blame.

The government and its wealth of regulations covering the selling and distribution of natural gas sets higher prices for the fuel when reserves are low. The natural gas industry, it has been charged, is a profit maximizer, purposely keeping reserves low in order to charge higher prices.

The record cold weather has increased residential demand. Industrial demand has increased this year because of the nation's recovery from recession. All this adds up to a vastly greater demand than was expected; consequently, reserves have been drained.

What happens now? Well, the natural gas industry will receive a 100 per cent increase in profit for at least the first quarter of the business year. The government has devised a bill that does nothing to relieve the crisis situation. It only juggles the shortage by diverting the flow of natural gas from west to east. Industries will remain closed.

THIS CHAPTER in the energy crisis could have been avoided. The energy crash cannot be prevented unless alternative sources of energy are developed. The era of cheap available fuel is ended.

Senate

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conjunction with this, the Senate also approved a motion by Ron Bearden to charge the insurance company a nominal fee of \$10 for soliciting on campus.

The Senate also learned Monday night that Dr. Ernest Stone, university president, had assured acceptance of a final proposal for the finished construction of the amphitheater and that Saga Food Service had scheduled the appearance of Three on a

String, a bluegrass group, for March 7 in Leone Cole Auditorium. An admission fee of \$1 will be charged for students with IDs that are nonmeal-ticket holders and \$2 for nonstudents.

The spring blood drive was announced for March 9 in the Student Commons Auditorium.

SGA treasurer Van Hall gave a report to the Senate on the SGA conference held in Florence Feb. 12. Hall said he "didn't pick up any hard

ideas on how to make the SGA go," but added that the conference had "broadened our concept of how the SGA can operate."

Among the ideas he thought worthy of adopting at Jax State was an SGA book exchange to lower the cost to students of buying books and selling activity cards for \$15 or \$20 which would allow a student to get in free to all functions—concerts, movies, coffeehouses.

Child abuse causes instability

By CAROL DAVIS
Staff Writer

"Karen had blood-red bruises up and down her body. At first I thought she'd taken a fall or been in an accident. At five years of age, kids tend to manage a few bumps and scraped knees. But so many?" said one JSU student who worked with children this past summer. "When I asked what had happened, Karen replied, 'My mommy spanked me.'"

The "discipline" had been harsh enough to raise ugly welts and cause bruises which took over a week to fade.

WAS THE DISCIPLINE merely strict or was Karen, a 5-year-old child, abused?

Vincent J. Fontana, a leading authority in the study of child abuse says, "It is a tragic commentary on the mental and moral health of our country that the most common cause of children's deaths today is physical abuse by their own parents."

Any injury which is nonaccidental can be labeled physical abuse. It may be a result of harsh punishment, cruelty or torture. Children have been beaten, strangled, drowned or suffocated. They've been locked in freezers, kicked, had paper stuffed into their nose and throats and been held over an open flame. Injuries have been inflicted by a hair brush, flyswatter, baseball bat, pool cue, rubber hose and sticks.

ACCORDING TO Dr. Vincent De Francis, director of the children's division of the American Humane Society, 200,000 to 300,000 cases annually is a light estimate of the extent to which abuse occurs in the U. S. Parents who were abused during their own childhood tend to repeat the pattern with their own children. This results in a never-ending cycle which unless broken can severely impair the psychological stability of countless individuals—parents and children.

Many people remain afraid to become involved in an abuse case. Centers which deal with child abuse and neglect cite lack of involvement, coordination and cooperation as the major obstacles before them. Parents who are abusers and the children they abuse may be crying out for help, but unless someone responds to their plea there can be no relief.



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Big Oak Ranch

Croyle 'has a dream'

By NANCY WADE
Staff Writer

The Big Oak Boys' Ranch is a dream becoming a reality through the help of Jacksonville students.

In April, 1974, Etowah County Chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association gave \$5,000 to John Croyle to establish Big Oak Ranch. Now with money and much labor, the vision of someday being able to house 80 boys will be a reality.

Big Oak Boys' Ranch is located 16 miles from JSU between Alabama 431 and 77, just off Green Valley Road between Southside and Glencoe.

The Big Oak Ranch became a common project of young people in the area. Mitchell Knox, a JSU student, recalls a few difficulties that Croyle had getting the ranch ready for the boys.

"When I worked on Big Oak Ranch, we were tearing down the old chicken coops and finishing up the boys' dormitory. The contractor who was supposed to finish working on the dormitory went bankrupt, so John Croyle (an All-American defensive end for Alabama from 1971-1974) and John Hannah had to do most of the work themselves."

Knox sums up his feelings when he says, "You just can't go on physical beauty alone. You have to look at the love people on the ranch have for each other. When you sum it

all up, Big Oak Boys' Ranch has to be the most beautiful place I've ever been."

Most students work over the weekend riling fences, clearing stumps and helping to renovate old buildings like an old nursing quarters moved to the site. One weekend a group of girls went out to clean out this building which can be used for office space.

Mr. and Mrs. Faucette are the house parents. They provide the boys a homelike atmosphere tempered with love and discipline. Boys from 6 to 14 are referred to the ranch by the Department of Pensions and Security.

"These are typical boys," says Mrs. Faucette who is interested in giving the boys stability that will enable them to be healthy emotionally. Big Oak Ranch is a ministry still in its infancy with only one dormitory which can house eight boys. Currently the Faucettes have been assigned four.

Students who have volunteered their help are Jan Green, Mike Worel, Ricky Grammer, Pat Branch, Tim McDow, Mitchell Knox, Gary Russel and others. Through all of their efforts the Big Oak Boys Ranch once a vision and dream is becoming a reality.

For any further information write or call: Big Oak Ranch, Route 9, Box 294, Glencoe, Alabama 35905, 892-0773.



Young boys at home at Big Oak

Indian Head veep to address seminar

T. A. Rothwell, vice-president and general manager of Indian Head Yarn and Thread, will be the guest speaker of the second Phi Beta Lambda business seminar—Feb. 23, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 101 Merrill Building.

Rothwell, originally from Patterson, N. J., is now a resident of Weaver. Rothwell attended the University of Minnesota and Columbia University. He was first employed at Indian Head in 1949 as an inventory clerk.

Rothwell has since held such jobs at Indian Head as auditor, product manager, merchandise manager, and vice-president of marketing.

Some professional associations which Rothwell is affiliated with are the Thread Institute, Shoe Service Institute of America, Quilting Institute of America and American Management Association. Rothwell is also active in local community activities.

All students are invited to attend the seminar as it will be a career-oriented discussion.

Communciation board to meet

The communications board will meet March 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the gold room in Bibb Graves Hall. The new editors for The Chanticleer, the university newspaper, The Mimosa, the university yearbook, will be selected along with the new station manager for WLJS, the campus radio station.

Jimmy Carter

Rise was unique . . . and honest?

By MARK CARDWELL
Staff Writer

No one needs to be told that the election of Jimmy Carter was at least somewhat unique. Anytime a man can ascend from total obscurity to the office of the President, it must be recognized as a major accomplishment. There are, however, various opinions on the means by which the ascension was made.

Opinions range from "How could a man so honest and forthright fail?" to "If one promises everything to everyone, how can he miss?"

According to Dr. Peter E. Robinson, chairman of the JSU history department,

Jimmy Carter's campaign promises have been compiled into a volume of no less than 110 pages. In so many promises some must be rhetoric. Of course, there is a certain amount of rhetoric in every political speech. Who can say how much is too much?

MAJOR STRESS WAS placed on the importance of having a president that is not part of "the Washington crowd." Carter says that being an outsider will give him the edge in that he has no ties to the established bureaucracy on Capitol Hill and will be in a better position to identify with the general public. But, there are those who believe that it is important to have someone in office who understands the bureaucracy and knows well how to work

within it, because regardless of who is in office, the bureaucracy will still exist. Many think Carter lacks the skills necessary in dealing with an organization such as our congress. Without agreement between the President and Congress, there can be little action.

The question "Amnesty: yes or no?" is no longer an issue, but according to Dr. Robinson, it may create problems in the future because some draftees in any future war will interpret it as meaning they have a choice of whether or not they will accept the selective service "invitation."

Whether or not one voted for Jimmy Carter is now irrelevant (except as justification for an occasional, "I told you so"). We have the future to consider. Will JC be successful

in carrying out his program of reform?

The Washington bureaucracy has become a stick in the eye of not just a few Americans since Watergate. Carter has promised us that things will improve. How much improvement can we expect?

IN THE OPINION of Jerry D. Gilbert of JSU's political science department, "very little, because there are too many vested interests." Congress would have to approve any major reform and its hands are tied by a myriad of special interest groups.

National defense is a very important issue for which

Carter has expressed concern. According to Carter, we should "reduce our dependence on nuclear weapons and eventually eliminate them all." This says Jerry Gilbert, is not a completely feasible idea. because "we are far outnumbered in manpower by Russia and the Easter bloc countries." The knowledge that we each have the ability to destroy the other "is the only thing that has kept us out of war." If nuclear weapons were eliminated, this deterrent would no longer exist.

Energy is a problem that will receive a high priority in the Carter Administration's list of programs, if only because there is tremendous pressure from the public in this area. Dr. Robinson sees

the present attitude on energy as establishing an "atmosphere for change," and for this reason believes there will be much progress made during the next few years.

Prices for fuel in the US are lower than in most other industrialized nations of the world. For example, Europeans pay between \$1.60 and \$2.25 per gallon for gasoline. Obviously, this is a desirable situation on a personal level. But is it in the best interest of our country as a whole, considering the scarcity of fuel? It is not a balanced situation, according to the law of supply and demand.

MANY ISSUES in addition to the ones mentioned above need attention. Hopefully Jimmy Carter will be able to deliver what many people expect of him. There is little chance though, that the US will become a utopia during our lifetimes. Possibly, we will be able to take a few steps forward.

Seminar set on homicide

Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Brewer Hall, Room 141, Mr. Kangus, a criminal investigator from Ft. McClellan, will be showing slides and giving a talk on homicide. This is sponsored by LAE (Lambda Alpha Epsilon), a Professional Criminal Justice Fraternity. Everyone is invited.

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Jones, Jaxmen gunning for NAIA

By DAVID ELWELL
Sports Writer

For a man who really didn't plan on being a coach, Bill Jones has been quite successful.

Jones took over the head coaching job at Snead State Jr. College when the basketball coach became ill. For Jones that interim assignment led to head coaching jobs at North Alabama for two years and now his third season at Jax State. All of Jones' teams have produced

perienced plays around and this is the year," remarked Jones.

The Gamecocks started the season in fine form by winning the Citrus Invitation Tournament, which in its 21st year is one of the most prestigious small college tournaments in the South. Then inconsistency set in and Jones' boys lost close ones to Troy and Livingston, and big losses to Southeastern and Chattanooga.

"We had troubles with our play after the tournament, but we have played real well in our last seven games, and I hope we are peaking for the NAIA Playoffs because that's where it really counts," stated Jones.

If there has to be a key for the team it has to be Robert Clements, who with an average of 16.2 rebounds a game leads the NCAA Division II in rebounding.

"Robert is a super player. His competitiveness and internal drive, make him a joy to coach," Jones added. "Bruce Sherrer is the same way. He makes up for his lack of height with his aggressiveness and take charge attitude."

When asked about the two transfers from Middle Georgia, Jones couldn't help but grin. "It's nice to see Greg Davis playing like we know he can. He has the talent to be one of the best players to ever play at JSU and Greg Yarett's shooting comes in handy when the opposition double or triple teams Robert Clements."

Al Lankford has been a surprise to everyone except Jones. "I thought he could start for us this year and he has done a super job." Add the bench with his players like Kent Bouldin, Ron Blair, Terry Gamble, Alfred Phillips, and David Thomas and you have quite a team.

Next season the Gamecocks should be one of the top teams in the Gulf South, but the conference will be tough as it was this past season. With only one senior on the team, Jones has two scholarships to use in recruiting this year.

"We have two 6' 10" boys in Georgia, and we think we can sign at least one of them, plus we would like to sign Eric Stringer from Oxford. We think he would fit into our system real well."

Has the season had any disappointments for Jones? "No, not really, but I have been displeased with our attendance. When I came here we

averaged 1800 a game now it's up to 2,500, but that doesn't even fill the coliseum halfway. I think people don't realize that you just play better with a big crowd hollering for you.

"Part of the problem is that we don't get much coverage in the Anniston Star, Jacksonville News, or the Chanticleer. Nor do we get much support from the SGA. I don't remember too many times when our next home game was posted on their marquee. Really it goes back to the lack of community support, not just the basketball team but the whole college.

There are many organizations on campus who could use the support of the people of Jacksonville; yet they don't get it. I think it's a shame because this college is the biggest industry in this town and a lot of businesses wouldn't be in business if it wasn't for this college. I guess I'm a little prejudiced but I think if people around here would come out to see us play just one time, they would get hooked on Gamecock basketball."

For a man who didn't want to be a coach, Bill Jones certainly sounds like one

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the most cordial teachers around. He has done many things during his lifetime, but the one that was most interesting was that he built Management. Our teacher of the week for the week of Feb. a life size chair out of toothpicks and glue.

The second student of the week was Sharon Thornton of Anniston. She is a member of the Phi Mu sorority and is studying Marketing and

17, is Mrs. Olga Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy is a geography teacher and is from Anniston. Mrs. Kennedy is well known for her part in the development of the Kennedy Burger, which can be purchased from Chat-Em Inn.

The student of the week is Jeff Mayo. Jeff is from Gadsden and is a freshman at Jax State. Jeff should be a senior at Gadsden High

School now but he graduated early and is a 17 year old freshman. Jeff plays an active part in the Baptist Campus Ministry. He also is well learned in guitar and song.

If you ever feel that you are being watched, you may be. So don't be shocked if somewhere, somehow, someone walks up to you and picks you for student or teacher of the week.



Bill Jones contemplating game strategy

winning records and this year has been no different with the Gamecocks in the heat of the Gulf South Conference race plus having a good chance to be a participant in the NAIA district 27 playoff.

A lot of people thought that Jones and his assistant Randall Bean would be suffering through a long rebuilding because of the loss of six of the top seven players off last year's team. With only 6' 10" center Robert Clements back, Jones and Bean went to work and recruited Greg Davis and Greg Yarett from Middle Georgia Jr. College, Al Lankford from Lee High in Huntsville, and turned a 5' 7" walk on named Bruce Sherrer who is one of the tops in assist in the GSC, into the quarterback of the team.

"When we came here we didn't have time to recruit so that left us with a year when we would not have many ex-



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Gamecocks hit road for finale

By JERRY RUTLEDGE
Sports Editor

The Gamecocks have finished up their home schedule and have embarked on a season-ending string of road games. The Gamecocks are presently 13-9 overall and 7-5 in Gulf South Conference play. The Gamecocks played in Louisiana on Friday and Saturday against Nicholls State and S. E. Louisiana, respectively. They play U. N. A. in Florence on Feb. 25, and finish the season the next night against U. T.-Martin.

In their final two home games, the Gamecocks took a tough 89-83 conference win over Delta State and lost 82-72 to small college power UT Chattanooga.

JSU 89-Delta State 83

Robert Clements scored 21 points and snagged 21 rebounds, but it was the clutch free throw shooting of 5-7 guard Brucer Sherrer which lifted the Jaxmen to a 89-83

victory over the visiting Statesmen.

The game was close all the way as the Gamecocks could muster only a two point lead at the half, 36-34. The Gamecocks continued to hold their small lead most of the second half until 3:46 to go in the game when Keith Parker tossed in a pair of free throws to give the Statesmen a 76-74 lead.

The Gamecocks regained the lead a few moments later and with 1:16 left, held a one point lead, 80-79. Then Sherrer went to work. With exactly one minute to go, he scored on a twisting, driving layup which brought the crowd to its feet. He proceeded to put the game away as he scored six additional points on free throws.

UTC 82-Jax State 72

The Gamecocks took on one of the best small college teams in the nation, UT Chattanooga, and came out on the short end of a 82-72 decision.

The Mocassins took the lead in the early going and never fell behind again as they led one point by 20 points. But the Gamecocks never quit, cutting that 20 point margin down to five with 5:16 to go on a jumper from the corner by Bruce Sherrer.

The Mocassins finally put the game out of reach as they scored the next seven points to take a commanding 12 point lead.

The Gamecocks were led by David Thomas' 19 points. The Moc's were led by William Gordon who had 21 points, and All-American Wayne Gordon who had 20.

Campus calendar

Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) will have a meeting Feb. 24, 1977 at 3:30 in Brewer Hall.

for your papers in Merrill, Bibb Graves, and the Student Commons Building.

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Monday, Feb. 21, a concert will be held in Leone Cole Auditorium. The band who will be playing is Pegasus and is sponsored by Sigma Nu. The time of the event will be from 8:00-12:00 and admission is \$3.00 at the door.

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The SGA will charter a bus to the JSU-UNA basketball game on Friday, Feb. 25. Cost will be \$6.00 per person roundtrip. Bus will leave at 4 p.m. from the Tennis Courts in front of Student Commons Building.

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Join the Catholic Student Union in their Lenten Preparation Liturgy on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. to be held at St. Charles Catholic Church. Also a special speaker will be present. A social hour will follow.

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Phi Beta Lambda will have a meeting Feb. 24 in Room 102 in Merrill Building at 6:30. Don't forget the paper drive is still in progress. You will find boxes

KA looks to the past

In the "Great Southern Tradition", of Kappa Alpha, the brothers have announced the beginning of their first annual "Old South Week."

The festivities begin Monday, Feb. 28, at 4:30 p.m. with Dr. Ernest Stone accepting KA's Declaration of Secession from the university at the fraternity house.

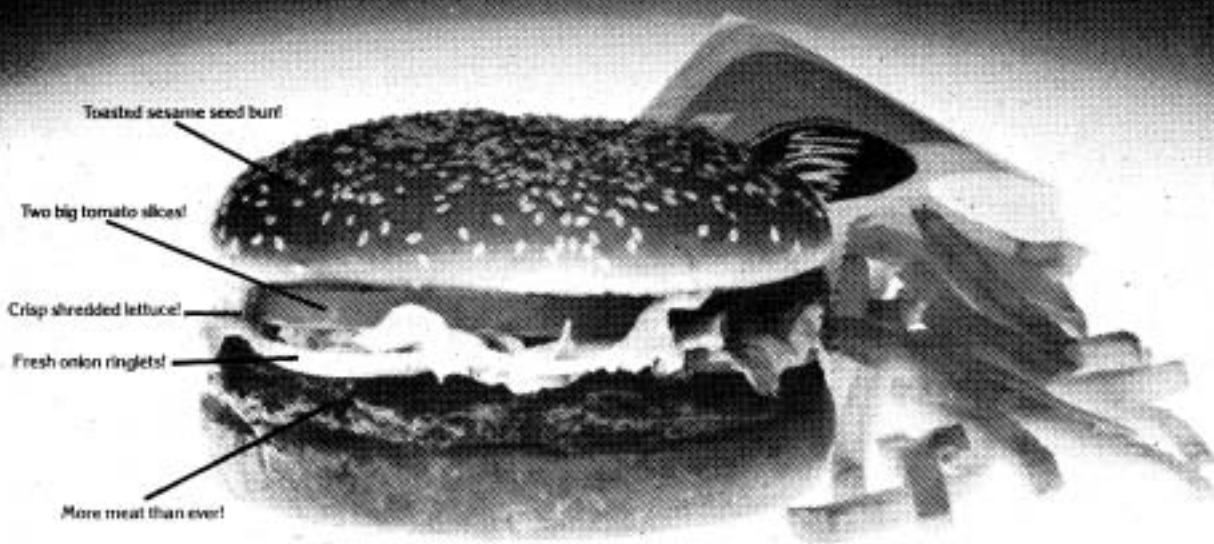
The events are open to JSU students. A lawn party will follow. The highlight of the afternoon will be a look into the past, with brothers and pledges dressed in Civil War uniforms and little sisters

attired in antebellum dresses.

Then on the following Wednesday a series of festivities will begin for the members, such as a cookout consisting of a pig roast. Friday a sharecroppers ball which includes an old fashioned hayride and party will be held.

The highlight of the week-long activities will be KA's spring formal held at Point Aquarius and on Sunday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m. KA will pledge its allegiance back to the university—the formal ending of "Old South Week."

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